

- *Well, one of things they can do is to continue with the group training and mini centers and that would increase and serve a larger number of consumers. Serve them as a group. They would go into the neighborhood such as going to churches and DSB could provide the transportation like they do now*

- *An annual picnic to get people (other blind and visually impaired) together.*

Provide technology (7) Need for more assistive technology with the following specifically mentioned: magnifiers and supplies, CCTV, increase coverage of AT by partnering with VR's AT Labs, and special training for dogs.

Expand services (7) One specific suggestion was

- *A small version of a mini-center. Speak about blindness, you can use the equipment, let you try out new "gadgets" to use in the kitchen, show you writing tools, pens and note takers.*

Provide training (3) Two related to training DSB personnel because *they* (counselors) *should have a different knowledge base from the general VR counselors.* The other was a client who wanted *a little more training.*

## **Section 2 Individuals who are Blind with Other Disabilities**

**Question 2** What about people who are blind and have other disabilities (multiple disabilities as in blind+, vision loss due to diabetes or MS, etc.)?

Question 2 has 3 parts: service needs, service barriers, and suggestions of how to meet the needs. There were 32 comments in this section and 7 of those were statements that the participant did not know anyone who fit in this section.

**Service Needs.** There were 8 comments...

Specific disabilities/medical conditions mentioned were MS, diabetes, deaf blind, high blood pressure, mobility (wheelchair user), and kidney transplant.

Needs included transportation, medical stabilization (funding), and weight management.

**Service Barriers.** There were 5 comments.

The barriers included services for children, those with diabetes and obesity, and transportation.